

**STATE OF VERMONT  
PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD**

Docket No. 7440

Petition of Entergy Nuclear Vermont Yankee	)
LLC and Entergy Nuclear Operations, Inc., For	)
Amendment of their Certificates of Public Good	)
and other approvals under 10 V.S.A. §§ 6501-6504	)
and 30 V.S.A. §§ 231(a), 248 & 254, for authority	)
to continue after March 21, 2012, operation of the	)
Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Station, including	)
storage of spent nuclear fuel	)

**MEMORANDUM REGARDING THE  
REPLY BRIEF  
of the  
WINDHAM REGIONAL COMMISSION**

The Windham Regional Commission participated actively in technical hearings before the Board in Docket 7440, but did not file an initial brief or proposed findings. We now file the attached Reply Brief, responding to initial briefs filed by other parties.

We assume that this sequence, omitting an initial brief, is unusual and wish to explain to the Board that this gap results solely from the difficulty of participating pro se, which in this instance was exacerbated by increased federal demands—largely ARRA related— coupled with rescissions of 2009 state funding to regional planning commissions. Those same resource limitations are why we were unable to be represented by counsel in the first place. The WRC appreciates the Board’s support of participation by pro se parties and regrets any shortcoming in its approach.

We also wish to note that the positions of the WRC and the DPS, each representing public interests, overlap in some areas and compete in others. We recognize the Department’s responsibility to represent the broad public interest, but the direct interest of persons living and working in close proximity to such a major facility deserve particular attention, acknowledging that strong differences of public opinion exist at all levels. With that in mind, the WRC has done its best to weigh many competing opinions and recommendations and to consider to the best of its ability the difficult technical issues involved, all within the framework of the Windham Regional Plan and the information that was gathered through our committee process and public meetings.

August 7, 2009  
James P. Matteau